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SUBJECT

AIRCRAFT ON THE TBILISI/SOGANLUG AND TBILISI/ORKHEVI AIRFIELDS, INCLUDING FISHBED

OR FISHPOT JET FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

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1. ON THE EARLIEST DATE OF OBSERVATION IN MID-DECEMBER 1957 THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT WERE PRESENT ON THE TBILISI/SOGANLUG AIRFIELD NEAR AIRFRAME PLANT NO. 31:

- A. ONE LI-2 (CAB) ON THE SOUTHEAST END OF THE PARKING APRON.
- B. SIXTEEN MIG-17 (FRESCO) ON THE PARKING APRON AND ONE MIG-17 (FRESCO) ON THE PARKING APRON IN FRONT OF THE HANGAR.

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6. TWO FISHBED OR FISHPOT JET FIGHTERS ON THE NORTHWEST END OF THE PARKING APRON; ONE PROBABLE FISHBED OR FISHPOT IN THE HANGAR; THREE POSSIBLE FISHBED OR FISHPOT IN THE HANGAR.

THE TWO PROBABLE TENTS [REDACTED] WERE STILL PRESENT SOUTHWEST OF THE HARDSTAND. NORTHWEST OF THE HARDSTAND WERE 25 POL TRUCKS. ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING OF THE AIRFRAME PLANT WERE FOUR PROBABLE MIG-TYPE AIRCRAFT AND TWO POSSIBLE FISHBED OR FISHPOT.

2. ON THE SAME DATE THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT WERE PRESENT ON THE TBILISI/ORKHEVI AIRFIELD:

- A. FIVE IL-12 (COACH) OR IL-14 (CRATE) TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT ON THE THREE PARKING APRONS NORTH OF THE TAXIWAY AND TWO OF THE SAME AIRCRAFT IN THE GRASS NORTH OF THE NORTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY.
- B. LI-2 (CAB) TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, SEVEN NORTH OF THE NORTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY AND FOUR ON THE THREE PARKING APRONS NORTH OF THE TAXIWAY.
- C. ONE YAK-12 (CREEK) LIGHT AIRCRAFT NORTH OF THE NORTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY.
- D. FIVE AN-2 (COLT) LIGHT AIRCRAFT NORTH OF THE NORTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY.
- E. THREE MI-4 (HOUND) HELICOPTERS NORTH OF THE NORTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY.

3. ON THE LATEST DATE OF OBSERVATION IN MID-DECEMBER 1957, THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT WERE ON THE TBILISI/SOGANIUG AIRFIELD:

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- A. TWO FISHBED OR FISHPOT JET FIGHTERS, PARKED AT THE WEST END OF THE PARKING APRON, NEXT TO THE HANGAR APRON. THESE AIRCRAFT HAVE A WINGSPAN OF 24 TO 25 FEET AND A FUSELAGE LENGTH OF 44 FEET. ONE OF THESE AIRCRAFT APPEARS TO BE PAINTED A DARK COLOR. THE TAIL ASSEMBLY APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE UNPAINTED AIRCRAFT.
- B. TWENTY-ONE MIG-17 (FRESCO) JET FIGHTERS. FIVE OF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE IN THE HANGAR, ONE IS PARKED IN FRONT OF THE HANGAR, AND FIFTEEN ARE PARKED ON THE PARKING APRON EAST OF THE FISHBED/FISHPOT AIRCRAFT. THESE FIFTEEN AIRCRAFT ARE PARKED IN FOUR GROUPS OF TWO, THREE, NINE, AND ONE AIRCRAFT. THESE PLANES OCCUPY A SPACE WHICH IS MARKED OFF BY TWELVE UPRIGHT MARKERS OR LIGHTPOSTS FOR NIGHT SERVICING WHICH ARE PLACED THREE PLANE WIDTHS APART, PROVIDING SPACE FOR THIRTY-THREE AIRCRAFT. JET BLAST MARKS ARE HEAVIEST IN THE AIRCRAFT SLOTS NEAREST THE HANGAR, AND ARE VERY LIGHT IN THE LAST SIX SLOTS FARTHEST FROM THE HANGAR. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE NOT IN THE SAME POSITIONS AS THOSE MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1B ABOVE.
- C. ONE LI-2 (CAB) TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT PARKED NEAR THE EAST END OF THE APRON SPACE MARKED OFF FOR THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, IN THE SAME POSITION AS THE AIRCRAFT MENTIONED IN PARA 1A ABOVE.

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